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Dear Susan.

I thoroughly agree with you that time flies and that it seems much longer waiting for a letter than it seems putting off the writing of one. I should have written before, but was very busy and could hardly find time. I am still going to school, and doing lots of work. So much work in fact, that I am hard put to it to find materials and canvas enough for my purpose. It has only one drawback, which is that I have not made much money doing this kind of work, but am rapidly developing a clear concise way of handling my drawing which will be of use later.

Since I have been up here I have done 25 wash drawings, 10 oils, and 6 charcoal drawings beside nearly 50 small sketches and pen and ink drawings so I have not been loafing by any means. I am going to send this drawing for Digger & some time this week and shall send it wrapped in a newspaper. so when you receive a Toronto Daily Star or World, you



will know what <sup>2</sup>to expect. We have  
much fun in the life class which is  
held Tuesday and Thursday evenings.  
Mr Cuckshank is very comical and  
I like him better the more I see of  
him. At first he impresses one as being  
a surly old bear.  but on getting  
acquainted he is quite a nice  
old chap. He told last night of  
his experiences with two piano players  
who persisted in thumping the box while  
he was working. He stood it as long as  
he could and then went to a music  
store and hired a concert. After practicing  
the holy city in G minor several times  
while piano practice was in progress, an  
armistice was agreed upon and peace  
once more reigned in the studio.

I got the cuneiforms after paying 4¢  
duty on them. They were O.K. In regard  
to Anas. I don't know what you can  
send except candy which will not be  
subject to duty. Of course if you want  
to send an Auto mobile or a small  
steam yacht I might arrange to  
smuggle it through but I guess the  
easiest was not to leave them until  
I come back. If you are real set on  
sending something, a few photos of  
the beach will be very acceptable and



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wil come through all OK. Seriously  
nothing would please me more than  
a dollar or two to buy some extra  
paints and brushes. As I said before  
materials are my greatest drawback  
and if I can only have enough of those  
I wil cheerfully forgo any cake pie  
and dainties of all descriptions. We had  
a little snow here Sunday night but  
nothing to speak of only enough to  
make it nasty walking, and by present  
indications it wil all be gone in a  
day or 2. It is really the most laugh-  
able thing to think of being in Canada  
and having a heavy rain storm in Dec.  
Fog prevails just at present, and the  
snow is dripping from the eaves in  
little rivulets. I have got a card from  
the public library and so can get books  
out. I dont have time to be homesick  
much, but wish sometimes that I  
could run down and spend a day in  
company with you and mamma.

How is Fandora these days? Give my  
love to her, and tell her to look out  
for no. 2. I got some the other day  
and had a slight cold as a conse-  
quence. I am going to try and  
find time to answer all my letters  
the P.M. as they accumulate pretty



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rapidly. Oh dear, I thought I had  
enough to fill out another page, but  
I am afraid I can't think of enough to  
say. Really there is not much to tell about  
I get up at 7.30 or 8, eat breakfast,  
wander over to the school, draw till  
12.30, go home wash my hands, eat  
dinner. Go up stairs have a smoke, draw  
till dark, eat supper, wash up, shave,  
go out calling, read, or go to work as  
case may be, go to bed and snore, so  
you see, I don't know about that part.  
I hope I don't make such a noise as  
hiss when he dreams of running races.  
How is Evelyn Perry have you heard  
from her lately? I dreamed about her  
last night and that reminds me that  
~~I have a letter~~ she owes me a letter.  
Well my dear sis I must cut this  
short and go to drawing again as  
it shows signs of clearing up. With  
much love to all, and my best wishes  
for good health and good weather I  
remain as ever your loving bro.

Frank

